

NEWSFLASH: 02/04/2020

This message is to inform our members and community of recent activities and messages that we have received with the request to forward them to our community.

COVID-19 Community Action Group

Alexis Roberts & Jaques Pretorius, together with a group of other local residents, are leading the establishment and operation of a Community Action Group (CAN) for St James and Kalk Bay. This group has been formed under the auspices of the city wide movement called 'Cape Town Together' and is aimed at local community based action to combat the COVID -19 pandemic. This will be done in partnership with Municipal and Provincial structures.

The basic aim of our local CAN is to identify the needs (food, emotional or physical support etc) of individuals at street level, as well as to identify, mobilise and coordinate resources and action, including by the City, to tackle those needs.

We are sure our members and residents will welcome this very welcome news and we wish all those involved, all the best. We are confident that many of our residents will volunteer their help and the SRA will also assist to the extent it can.

'Cape Town Together' facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CapeTownTogether/>

To join the 'Cape Town Together' initiative please complete this online form:

<https://chck.io/capetowncan>

To join our local SJKB-CAN group, in order to get involved in some way, join the WhatsApp group using this link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GL1kwDhGWmJ3m4RP2Jv2l>

Compliance with the lockdown directives

We all have an obligation to comply with the directives issued under the Disaster Management Act.

We again appeal to all in our community to do comply fully with these regulations in spirit as well as the letter.

For example, it is open to businesses to apply online to the Companies and Intellectual Commission (CIPC) for automatic registration as an essential service if their business qualifies as an essential service. This process is clearly based on good faith.

However, according to a statement issued by the Department of Trade, several businesses have been found to have either fraudulently or negligently applied to be designated essential services providers and that "pubs, taverns, restaurants, fast-food places, pizza parlours and the like have registered to continue operating during the lockdown, in violation of the applicable regulations as per the essential service list. These businesses are not

eligible to continue operating during the lockdown period in terms of the regulations and directions issued by government.”

“It is also a criminal offence for any business which misrepresents the nature of its operations in order to obtain a CIPC certificate.” “Any business that is not authorised to continue operating during the lockdown in terms of the applicable regulations and directions should cease operations with immediate effect.”

A message received today from the City on this issue has been posted to our web page, details of which appear below.

As the SRA patrollers are being put under pressure by some residents to “police” or report activities not allowed under the lock down regulations we remind residents that the core mandate of the SRA is to provide limited supplementary public services, including public safety, and that SAPS and the City Law Enforcement corps have the prime responsibility to enforce the lock down regulations.

However, in the case of flagrant or persistent breaches of the COVID directives it is the responsibility of all of us to tip off the authorities about illegal activity in order to protect the health and safety and potentially the lives of our family, friends and community. The Minister of Police has publicised a toll free number for this purpose: 08600 10111

Public Safety

One of Lake Security’s senior and most trusted patrollers, Joseph Makwakwa was attacked by a resident’s dog recently. He had to be hospitalised and received tetanus and other injections. A charge has been laid with SAPS who are investigating the incident.

This unfortunate incident highlights the need for residents to keep their pets under control, particularly in the presence of our patrollers whose mission is to assist in keeping us safe. We are sure all our community wish Makwakwa a speedy and full recovery.

Social Development

Under the lock down regulations it is the responsibility of the City to provide safe and sanitary accommodation for them during the lock down. The City is urgently establishing places of accommodation at a number of suitable locations.

The SRA Social Development Coordinator, Anna Els, has worked tirelessly over the past couple of weeks to identify and assist our homeless. With her assistance, most of our homeless have been located and moved to a central place in Muizenberg, together with those from Muizenberg where adequate ablution and washing facilities are provided.

It is expected that in the next few days this population of 55 adults and 3 children will be moved to more suitable accommodation provided by the City, probably at Strandfontein. Until then, Anna is working with a local resident, Kevin Rack, to provide these people with a meal every day, which the SRA is funding. The Muizenberg Improvement District is also assisting in this regard.

Communications from the City

We have received the following communications from the City with the request to send them out to our community:

- Message from Aimee Kuhl, our ward councillor advising on services provided by the City during the lock-down
- Media release by the explaining the potential impact of the crisis and appealing for the continued payment of City accounts and explaining how these can be paid. The statement also explains how indigent relief can be claimed.
- A warning to businesses not authorised to operate as an essential service under the applicable regulations and directives to cease operations with immediate effect.

All these statements are available on our website <http://www.kalkbaystjamesra.org> under the tab "COVID-19"